



Jerry Bender

May 19, 1943 - November 27, 2017

Jerry H. Bender, age 74, of Carroll, peacefully passed away on Monday, November 27, 2017 at St. Anthony Regional Hospital in Carroll.

A Funeral Service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, December 1, 2017 at St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church in Carroll. The Reverend Cindy Johnson will officiate, with Reverend Vic Johnson assisting with the funeral service. Music will be by Jan Potthoff, Wes Horn, and Leroy Moten. Readers will be Lisa Dreesman, and Peg Scheidt. Communion Servers will be John and Jackie Kitch. Casket Bearers will be Blake Bender, Nick Bender, David Beyerink, Ed Berger, Rex McClatchey, and Jim Briggs. Members of the St. Anthony Hospital Nursing Staff will form an honor guard for the funeral service. Military Honors will be conducted by the Carroll American Legion. Burial will be at 2 p.m. at the Violet Hill Cemetery in Perry, Iowa.

Visitation will be held after 5 p.m. on Thursday at St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church in Carroll where there will be a Prayer Service at 6:30 p.m. Visitation will resume at the church at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, and continue until the time of the funeral service.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll, and online condolences may be left for Jerry's family at www.sharpfuneral.com.

Jerry was born on May 19, 1943 in Perry, Iowa. He is the son of Howard and Bernice (Merical) Bender. He graduated from Perry High School in 1961. After graduating, he served in the military for 12 years, until his honorable discharge. Jerry was united in marriage to Vickie Hancock on October 1, 1961 at Perry, Iowa.

Jerry had a long career in law enforcement as a juvenile and adult probation officer. He was also a licensed private investigator. When he wasn't working, he served on the Carroll Community School Board, and other numerous boards. Jerry was chosen to be in the first leadership institute class of 1992 to represent Carroll.

In his free time, Jerry enjoyed challenges, and was a lifelong learner. He loved to read and share thoughts of wisdom with friends and family on social media, especially Facebook. Every day at 3 p.m. he could be found in his favorite chair watching Jeopardy. Jerry was an active church member at St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Vickie. They shared 56 years of marriage together. During their marriage they enjoyed traveling, spending time with friends and family, and taking care of their pets. Jerry and Vickie have two children: Deb (David) Beyerink of Carroll, and Doug (Doreen) Bender of Anthem, AZ. He leaves behind three grandchildren: Blake, Bianca, and Nick. He is also survived by his precious Miss Kitty, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-laws, nieces, nephews, and numerous friends and family.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, and other family members.

Tribute Wall

GF

“ *Gwen Frederick lit a candle in memory of Jerry Bender*



Gwen Frederick - January 18, 2020 at 02:28 PM

LL

“ *Dave and Lou Leiting*



Lou Leiting - November 30, 2017 at 04:14 PM

KC

“ *Kelly & Bindy Caldwell lit a candle in memory of Jerry Bender*



Kelly & Bindy Caldwell - November 30, 2017 at 03:00 PM

KW

“ *Kelly Wertz lit a candle in memory of Jerry Bender*



kelly wertz - November 30, 2017 at 01:30 PM

KW

“ I was able to have the privilege of working with Jerry for 7 years at Boys & Girls Home in Denison. He was a solid rock for all the staff, and a super mentor for the kids!! I had many conversations with Jerry in those 7 years and he taught me so much!! Since then I have had many conversations with Jerry on life and our dear sweet Lord. Jerry once again taught me so much! Yes I will miss you JerrBear, but like I said, “You beat us!!” Love ya💜

kelly weltz - November 30, 2017 at 01:30 PM

BB

“ Bender family... you are in my thoughts and prayers. Jerry was a wonderful man will truly be missed. It was such an honor to know this amazing man. I wish there was a place between heaven and earth so we could meet for visits. RIP my friend and may you enjoy your new body free of struggles.

Barb Blair - November 30, 2017 at 01:42 AM

PR

“ Paulette And Ron lit a candle in memory of Jerry Bender



Paulette and Ron - November 29, 2017 at 05:39 PM

FR

“ From Jude Reed purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Jerry Bender.



From Jude Reed - November 29, 2017 at 01:15 PM

MW

“ *Mary K Wernimont lit a candle in memory of Jerry Bender*



Mary K Wernimont - November 29, 2017 at 09:24 AM

SK

“ *Dear Vicki, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Jerry. Jerry was so special and will be missed by many. I will have you and your family in my prayers, thoughts and my heart.*
Sheila Keene

Sheila Keene - November 28, 2017 at 11:52 PM

WH

“ *Vicki, Deb and Doug so sorry to hear about Jerry. He will be missed by a lot of people. Vicki you and Jerry have always been so kind to me and we have had a lot of good times and good memories. Always remember I will be here for you. Love to all of you.*

Willa Harvey - November 28, 2017 at 08:46 PM

MY

“ *Vickie and family - so shocked and saddened to read of Jerry's passing in today's Carroll paper. I know things have been difficult for all of you the past several years, but that doesn't make this any easier for you. Vickie, you have been a wonderful friend (in addition to being a fantastic groomer for my dog) and I can only tell you that things will get easier, in time. Meanwhile, take time to be with your family and share all your wonderful memories. Will see you in January.*

Mary Young - November 28, 2017 at 07:59 PM

PR

“ To my Sister Vickie and the family,
Sending you our love in your hour of sadness. Jerry will be missed ,
He will be watching over you as he has always done. Be comforted
that Jerry is in the arms of Jesus.
Love you all

Paulett and Ron - November 28, 2017 at 02:21 PM

ST

*Sending many thoughts and prayers to Vickie and family. Jerry will be
very missed by so many. May God Bless and keep you all and may
Jerry sing with the Angels. Amen*

Shirlet Torbet - November 29, 2017 at 04:41 PM

LE

“ To the Bender Family. My Prayer's are with you at your time of
sorrows. Mr Jerry Bender a great man and a good friend. He will truly
be miss.

leroy - November 28, 2017 at 01:26 PM

MM

“ *Deepest sympathies to the family.
Take comfort in knowing that Jerry is walking beside Jesus with no
oxygen tube! He is breathing easier than he ever has before!
Hallelujah!*

Peace and comfort

Mary Jo Moten

Mary Jo Moten - November 28, 2017 at 01:23 PM